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The opening session of the U.K.-U.S. Conference on French Communications Security was held at 1030 on 1 May 1951 in Room 1212, U.S. Naval Security Station, Washington, D. C.

Rear Admiral Earl E. Stone, USN, Presiding

United KingdomUnited States

[Redacted]
Brigadier John H. Tiltman
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Colonel S. P. Collins
Captain J. W. Wenger, USN
Colonel T. M. Hetherington
Captain E. A. Taylor, USN
Lt. Col. F. W. Collins
Lt. Col. R. H. Horton
Mr. Kingman Douglass
Mr. Winston Scott
Mr. W. F. Friedman
Mr. F. B. Rowlett
Dr. A. Sinkov
Mr. R. F. Packard
Mr. F. C. Austin

Secretariat

Mr. H. D. Jones
Lt. J. W. Pearson, USN

ADMIRAL STONE expressed, on behalf of USCIB, a cordial welcome to [Redacted] and the members of his party. He recalled the extent and successful nature of U.S.-U.K. collaboration in the past, and said that he looked forward with

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great pleasure to the present discussions. He informed the members of the regret expressed by General Smith, the new Board Chairman, at being unable to attend this meeting; he added, however, that General Smith had expressed a desire to meet with the Conference at 1430 on Thursday afternoon (4 May 1951), at which time Mr. Armstrong, the retiring USCIB Chairman, also hoped to be present.

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ADMIRAL STONE commented that it went without saying that this was an unusual conference, in that it could well result in a sacrifice of [] as a means of preserving and improving communications security. He concluded by expressing his hope that the visitors' stay in Washington would be pleasant, and he invited [] and the members of his party to call on the U.S. delegates for any possible assistance or information they required. He then asked [] if he would care to make any remarks.

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[] thanked Admiral Stone for his remarks and said that he and the members of his party were most grateful for the welcome they had received - a welcome which they were used to, yet one which they knew to be more than a mere formality. Regarding the subject of the Conference, he said that the only reason he did not come with the same enthusiasm was because the nature of the discussions would be destructive, rather than constructive, to [] He continued by saying that he had not expected to return to Washington so soon again; however,

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Sir Edward Travis had decided that he should come, principally because (1) Sir Edward was involved in high-level discussions with the Treasury which affected the future structure of the British organization, and (2) since he [] had started with this problem he should see it through. He added that the Director hoped that it would not be long before he could come here again.

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[] remarked that he, and those he represented, regarded the subject of the Conference as one of the most important and most delicate which had been discussed since the war. He said that they had come with fairly definite ideas, yet were prepared to thrash the whole matter out and reach, as in the past, a common agreement. He again expressed his thanks and appreciation for the welcome accorded him and his party and said that he was pleased to be back in Washington.

ADMIRAL STONE suggested that the conference structure be considered and extended an invitation to [] to serve as Chairman for the conference.

[] said that he would prefer that there be a U.S. Chairman, and it was agreed that Admiral Stone would serve in this capacity.

ADMIRAL STONE then presented for consideration a proposal that there be an Executive Committee, and two subcommittees

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(Technical and Security). In the discussion which followed it was agreed that this plan would obtain. It was further agreed that membership on the several committees would be as indicated on the attached sheet.

Following agreement that the first Meeting of the Executive Committee would be held in Room 1212, at 1430, 1 May 1951, the meeting adjourned.

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